One-rank-one pay pension Formula

2960. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to implement one-rank-one pay pension formulate for the defence personnel of the country;

(b) if so, details of the benefit accruing to a soldier/reservist pensioner drawing the minimum pension benefit; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The acceptance of the principle of one-rank-one-pension has not been found feasible for a variety of reasons, including incompatibility with principle that salary and pension is inherently related to the time at which service was rendered.

Purchase of AS 90 gun for the army

2961. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to sign a Rs. 2500 crore contract with a British firm for the purchase of AS 90 self-propelled (SP) gun for the army;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have negotiated with other foeign firms for the purchase of this kind of gun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Under-invoicing imports of floppy Disketes

2962. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Electronic Components Industries Association has recently expressed their grave concern at the rising trend in under-invoiced imports of floppy diskettes following liberalisation of imports;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS, DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Electronic Research and Development Centres

2963. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the names of the States where Electronic Research and Development Centres (ER & DCs) and Rural Electronic Technology Centres (RETC) have, so far, been set up or proposed to be set up to encourage application oriented research and development of R&D capabilities of the country in Electronics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS, DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): The Department of Electronics have set up Electronics Research and Development Centres (ER & DCs) in the States of Kerala, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Punjab, and Uttar Pradesh. Rural Electronic Technology Centre (RETC) has been set up in Rajasthan.